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## A MOTHER AND HER BABY.

If mothers could have their way we would never grow up. Just remain babies. But a baby can't remain a baby always and the inexorable laws of time deal firmly with the little one just as it does in bringing about the dissolution of the elder one of mere years.

Mothers know very well that every twelve-month one is a year older, but they can't understand why babies should cease to be babies and advance into early childhood.

Did you ever watch with what pains the mother of a baby boy tries to keep him a baby? After he has passed his twentieth month of course he is still a baby; but by his walk, by his speech, by his play, by his food and by his intelligence he shows signs of that stage where we begin to call him a child. It is more emphasized if he is dressed in rompers, wears a hat instead of a bonnet, and has a colorful coat, and no curls. Yet at times his mother will steal him back from the child stage and make a baby of him if only for a short while. If the child's father demurs because he is wearing a white dress instead of boyish rompers it will do little good. Every chance the mother gets she will dress the tot of one, two or three in a way that will win back to her the happiness of possessing a baby. But, after two and a half or three years it is not so easy to deceive one's self and reluctantly she must give in that her baby is a baby no more. Perhaps she has the opportunity to lavish her maternal love on a second baby, but he is this as it may be can never forget the first born. Whether the second baby commands the same measure of affection from the mother as did the first one that cheered her existence and opened her soul to a broader conception of life is not for us to say. Mothers know, but they will not tell. It is one of their secrets; perhaps a part of their innermost freemasonry, a feeling which they discuss with no one else.

Happily for little boys there are fathers in the world. When mothers would keep little boys babies too long their fathers kindly, but firmly interfere, and lo! the baby becomes a real little boy. Men not having the fine, beautiful soul that women possess, are for making the baby a boy as soon as possible. When mothers cling to the God-like baby period for the male offspring fathers are just the opposite. As for the little mites of femininity they will linger in the world of babydom a little bit longer, for their papas are not so particular about their becoming little girls as soon as possible. So, after all mammas have some consolation.

But, it would be very impossible, indeed, to measure all the sighs and tears in the world that come from mothers when the baby ceases to be a baby and becomes a little boy.

## BUILDING ROADS.

Three men were riding in an automobile along the South Country road of Long Island at a point where it has received a cement surface, sixteen feet wide. One was a highway engineer, one was a scientist of German birth and training, one was an official of a western state, says the New York Sun.

"Fine road," said the westerner. "I wonder how long it will last."  
The highway engineer rubbed his chin and replied that no one knew exactly. All would depend upon the amount and character of the traffic, the speed at which it traveled and the frequency and nature of repairs.

"Aren't these things known?" asked the German scientist with surprise. No, the engineer told him, they weren't. Present day motor traffic is too new a development.

"We know that heavy motor traffic will destroy macadam in no time," said the engineer. "As for the relative durability of brick and concrete we know little as yet. In fact, we don't know the precise amount of wear on a given surface by varying amounts of traffic. We think now that high speeds are more injurious than heavy loads, but the matter has still to be determined."

"Out in my state \$25,000,000 has just been appropriated to build good roads," remarked the engineer, "and you know I'm here partly to get ideas as to how it may be spent most wisely. What you say is discouraging; almost as discouraging as meeting these other highway engineers who know it all. Each one of them has his favorite material which, if you will believe him, always makes the best road under all conditions."

"In Germany," observed the scientist, "they would go about it a little differently. Of your \$25,000,000 they would first spend perhaps \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 in experimentation. They would pave one mile of a road with brick, another with concrete, another with wood blocks, and so on. They would spend months or a year or two if necessary, sending given traffic at given speeds over these surfaces. They would measure the wear and tear, if necessary inventing mechanism for that purpose. They would find out that a one-ton load, say, going at twenty miles an hour over a concrete road would wear it off three-hundredths of an inch, or four times as much as a one-ton load traveling at ten miles an hour. They would have exact formulas for every variety of traffic, and by measuring the traffic on a road to be built they would know just what surface it needed and how long it would last. And they would never, never, never issue fifty-year bonds to pay for ten-year roads."

"It ought to be done," conceded the highway engineer, and the westerner assented. Then the two looked at each other and at the scientist. All three smiled and said almost in unison:

"But you could never get 'em to do that sort of thing in this country."

## OH, FOR SOME LETTERS!

All along we've said that the campaign lacked the ginger of yesteryear. Now we know the reason. It is supplied by the Ohio State Journal:

"It doesn't seem like a normal campaign at all without Mr. Hearst exposing a few scandalous letters once written by the anti-corporation candidate."

## CRIME INCREASE ALARMS SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS



MAYOR WOODWARD OF ATLANTA, MAYOR SMITH OF MACON, MAYOR ASHCROFT OF MEMPHIS

If the rural communities of the Southern states made the same progress in crime as the official records, just made public, reveal at the centers of population, last year was the bloodiest and most disorderly that the South has ever experienced. Crime at centers of population shows an increase of fully twenty-five per cent over the previous year. Important Southern newspapers, incensed at the lawlessness, have taken up the question which they attribute to the illicit traffic in liquor under the prohibition laws.

Memphis is reported to lead the cities of the United States in serious crime. This statement is not disputed by the Memphis press and local public officials. No other city in the country is said to have so high a record for murders. There were, approximately, 18,000 arrests in Memphis during 1915, against about 14,000 in 1914. Some surprise is occasioned by this large increase of arrests in view of the fact that during the year 1914 the saloons were open, whereas during 1915 they were closed, yet in that year the number

of arrests increased by four thousand.

## Low Dives and Blind Tigers.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal has called for a mass meeting of citizens to discuss the crime increase and to formulate some plan of reducing it. The newspaper admitted the growth of crime in Memphis and charged it directly to illicit traffic in intoxicating beverages, following the enforcement of a prohibition law which closed licensed saloons, and to low dives where "blind tigers" were operated.

"There has been more crime and secret vice in Tennessee since the attempted enforcement of prohibition laws upon Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga—laws that were opposed to the controlling sentiment of those cities—than ever before," declares the Chattanooga Times. "Every offender arrested and punished becomes an enemy to law and order and the number of such increases daily."

Chattanooga broke its highest crime record in 1915. This city of 75,000 showed an increase of 29 per

cent in 1915 over the previous year, and 10,211 persons were arrested for various offenses. In spite of the absence of saloons, drunkenness showed an increase of 33 per cent over the previous year, when there were 100 beer saloons in operation in Chattanooga.

The prohibition State of Georgia is having the same trouble with crime. Atlanta and Macon experienced their "most bloody Christmas," to quote local dailies. In Atlanta, Christmas morning, four men were dead at a hospital, as a result of shooting, and about thirty-five were suffering from gunshot wounds. Some fifty men were victims of stabbing affrays. The number of arrests in Atlanta, on Christmas even, broke all previous records, amounting to about 600. At Macon, nineteen men were taken to hospitals in one day during the holiday season suffering from gunshot wounds. Macon's arrests during the holidays approximated 300.

Alabama and North Carolina, as shown by local newspaper reports and police records, were not far behind Tennessee and Georgia in the matter of crime and general disorder.

## Random Things and Flings

PICK OUT your cabinet job early.

POLAND asks for bread and gets "freedom."

THIS is open season for "I told you so" pests.

NEW kingdom of Poland may be all right, but it makes useless our new \$5 atlas.

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ABOUT the only safe way for a chap to go to Europe and not be bothered by a German torpedo is to sail on a ship carrying beer.

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NOW that Poland has been devastated, her buildings burned, her wealth wasted away and half the Poles killed, it has been decided to grant her freedom.

CANDIDATE for secretary of state of Illinois claims endorsement of every auto maker, every auto owner, and every auto salesman. But in the long run it's the vote of the auto dodgers that counts.

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WOMANLIKE and being the wife of a newspaperman, the misus says she is not going to believe that Billy Burke's baby is only a press agent story until she actually learns different.

Condor Soars High.  
It is believed to be no rare occurrence for a condor to soar to a height of four miles.

On Crusoe's Isle.  
Crusoe saw the footprint. "There is more than one around here," he muttered. "That is plainly a man trying to get home without waking his wife."

## IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

You have swollen feet and hands! Stiff, aching joints! Sharp-shooting, rheumatic pains torture you. You have aching back, pain the lower abdomen, difficulty when urinating! Look out! These are danger signals. Trouble is with your kidneys. Uric acid poisoning, in one form or another, has set in. It may lead to dropsy or fatal Bright's disease if not checked.

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—OH NO, NOT FOR ME!!

—IT GETS ONE OUT IN THE OPEN AIR.

—EXCUSE ME—IT'S TOO ROUGH.

I KNOW, BUT IT'S THE BEST WAY TO REDUCE.

—ER-ER. DO YOU THINK I COULD LEARN IF I TRIED?

TEE HEE.

By C. A. Voight